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ALEXANDRIA, VA. (AP) -- A FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE TODAY ORDERED THAT EVERY CENT FRANK W. SNEPP III MAKES FROM PUBLICATION OF A BOOK ABOUT CIA ACTIONS DURING THE FALL OF SAIGON SHALL BE IMPOUNDED IN A COURT-SUPERVISED TRUST.

THIS MAY MEAN THAT SNEPP WILL HAVE TO FORFEIT ALL HIS PROFITS FROM THE BOOK, 'DECENT INTERVAL.' ATTORNEYS HAVE SAID THE CASE WILL BE APPEALED TO HIGHER COURTS.

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE OREN R. LEWIS ALSO RULED THAT SNEPP WILL BE ENJOINED FROM ANY FURTHER VIOLATION OF A SECRECY AGREEMENT WHICH HE SIGNED WHEN HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REQUIRING THAT ANYTHING HE WROTE ABOUT THE AGENCY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR PRE-PUBLICATION REVIEW.

'THE CIA CANNOT PROTECT ITS INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS IF ITS AGENTS ARE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE WHAT INTELLIGENCE OUGHT TO BE MADE PUBLIC,' JUDGE LEWIS SAID IN A WRITTEN ORDER.

'ONE WHO BREACHES HIS TRUST AND SECRECY AGREEMENTS WITH THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS OUGHT NOT TO BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN HIS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS.

'ANYTHING LESS WILL NOT SUFFICE TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF SUCH INFORMATION.'

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